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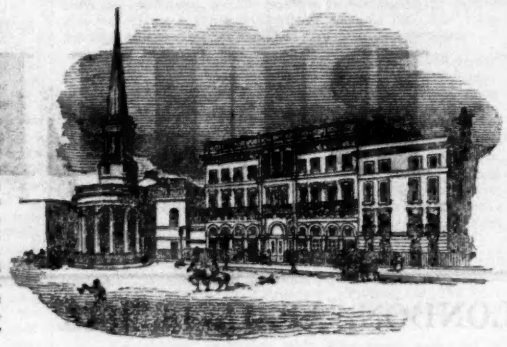

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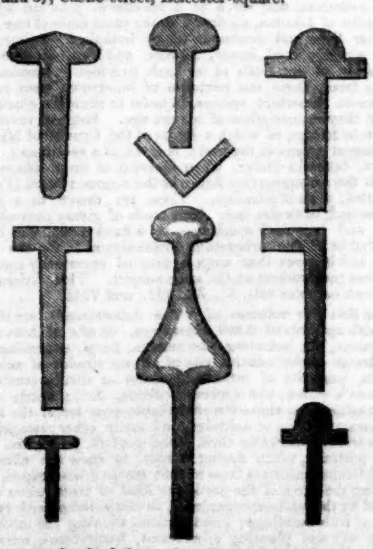

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N. B. We shall be greatly thankful to our friends for information of the above character, as most important results may some day flow out of its publication. It will furnish evidence of the necessity for some steps for regulating competitions; the difference between the highest and the lowest tender in the foregoing case, is not so serious; but our readers will recollect a case in No. 7, where the difference between the highest and the lowest tenders was twice the above ratio of amount.

Architectural Competition.

Under this head we shall give notices of pending competitions, and shall feel obliged by our friends forwarding us the accounts of what may fall in their way of this character. We shall also be happy to give engravings of the selected designs; and think that, by such publicity, the present very defective system of decision may be amended. Publicity is sometimes a remedy when more direct measures have failed.

Erection of a Custom House and Excise Office at Ipswich. — First Plan, 20 guineas; second ditto, 10 guineas. Expenditure not to exceed 4,000*l.*—Town Clerk's Office, Ipswich, April, 22.

NOTICES OF CONTRACTS.

The following contracts are advertised in different papers, and we have kept a register of the particulars of each at the office, which may be referred to on application. In the continuation of this plan, which we flatter ourselves will be of service to our readers, material assistance will be rendered by the forwarding of papers from our country friends, or by any other means of notification, of which they may choose to avail themselves.

Bristol and Exeter Railway. — No. 1, 1 mile 58 chains; No. 2, 2 miles 4 chains; No. 3, 1 mile 36 chains.—Engineer-office, Temple Meads, Bristol.

Government Contract for Baltic Timber Goods and Norway Spars.—Address "Storekeeper-General of the Navy, Somerset-House."—April 18th.

For Erecting New Assize Courts in Liverpool.—Address, "Town Hall, Liverpool."—April 17.

Workhouse, Cuckfield, Sussex. —Erecting a new Union Workhouse at Highlands. —Tenders to be delivered at Board Room, Cuckfield, April 21.

Sewers.—Kingston Railway.—Mr. Stevens, 6, Clement's Inn.

New Assize Courts, Liverpool.—For executing the several works required to be done in erecting carcass of the new Assize Courts.—Clerk of Committee's Office, Town Hall, Liverpool, before April 17.

To Pave Cheapside and a Portion of the Poultry with Wood.—Commissioners' Office, Guildhall, May 2.

Fifteen Alms Houses, Cambridge.—Mr. Harris, solicitor, Cambridge; Capes and Stewart, Gray's-Inn, London; and Mr. Parkes, Great George-street, Westminster.—May 15th, 1843.

TABLE OF AMUSEMENTS.

PLACES OF AMUSEMENT OPEN GRATIS TO THE PUBLIC.

British Museum.—Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 10 to 4.

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NOTICES.

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As it is our anxious wish to do all we can to serve our class, we have resolved to keep a registry of advertisements and notices, to which an after reference may have to be made, in particular as to workmen wanted, and workmen wanting employment, by which means much good may be done beyond the mere period of advertising: as, for instance, in the case of any workman wanting employment, by calling at or writing to the office of The Builder, *he will have a good chance of ascertaining what may be open to him. On the other hand, masters and general employers may procure references to workmen, in cases of sudden emergency: both parties, therefore, will see it desirable to communicate information as it may arise. It is in this way that they will make us of that real use to them, which it is one great object of our life and labours to be. Also, in the matter of the inquiries of our country friends respecting any goods or articles advertised, we shall be happy to act as their agents, or in procuring things suited to their respective departments from the various London Houses. Of our London friends, therefore, we request such information as their circulars or other advertisements supply. Specimens of articles of a moderate size, if deposited at* The Builder *Office, will be readily referred to, and shewn to the friends and purchasers who may call.*

We have had a number of hand-bills printed by way of an advertisement of the character and objects of this Magazine. Our friends, and particularly the Workmen, can render us great service in the distribution of them, by posting up in workshops and buildings, as we remember to have seen in our younger days, in respect of notices in which the Working Builder was interested.

We again remind our readers, that we keep a register of applications for situations, and have already been instrumental in forwarding the objects of parties in that way. We have now on our list some eligible proposals from very respectable workmen wanting situations, some in the ordinary way, and some for improvement.

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

"J. H. C." so far from having any occasion to apologize, has our warmest thanks. We will direct our agent to pursue the measures he recommends.

Knightsbridge *is not sparing of his animadversions; but unreasonable as we think him to be, we ask him to try his hand at comparisons again. Perhaps he can find something else equally happy in parallels. We should be sorry to have a single enemy, but think in this case we are far from having a generous friend. Does he think the task so easy? Does he know of another class paper—illustrated—breaking totally new ground, at 3d? The letter of our previous correspondent,* J. H. C., *breathes a very different spirit. We do not, however, court all praise. We do not deserve it; but we do think the builders owe us, and in the main are disposed to give us, their considerate regard.*

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We are in receipt of several communications as we are going to press, and must therefore postpone them and any particular notice till the next week. One point, however, we cannot pass over, which is the upbraiding of a correspondent for the omission to notice his letter concerning the National Gallery. We not only directed its prompt insertion in The Builder, *but accompanied it by a remark of our own, and how it has been mislaid we cannot imagine. We shall institute a search for it. We may as well remark that all communications for the week's insertion ought to be with us at latest by Wednesday morning.*

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